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For : ANNEXIN PROTEINS AND AUTOANTIBODIES
AS SERUM MARKERS FOR CANCER

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with Rule 115 of the Rules of Practice, please consider the following amendments and remarks.

In the Claims:

Please add the following new claims:

--20. (New) A method of immunizing a host against an annexin protein, annexin derived peptide or differentially modified annexin protein, comprising inoculating the host with an annexin antigen in a physiologically acceptable carrier, wherein immunization results in a production of antibodies directed against said annexin antigen.

21. (New) The method of claim 20 wherein the host is suffering from a disease characterized by the overproduction of annexin protein.

- 22. (New) The method of claim 21 wherein the disease is cancer.
- 23. (New) The method of claim 22 wherein the cancer is lung cancer.
- 24. (New) The method of claim 20 wherein the annexin protein is Annexin I.
- 25. (New) The method of claim 20 wherein the annexin protein is Annexin II.
- 26. (New) The method of claim 20 wherein the annexin protein is a modified protein. --